

Salt Lake Arts Academy
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2016
3 p.m.
DRAFT – Pending Approval on June 24, 2016

Board members present: Annabel Sheinberg, Kelly Stevens, Robert Dick, Abdi Yussuf, Jim Kreek, Mary Tull, Scott Messersmith, Susan Barnum, Peter Christie, Ron Zamir, Luna Banuri, Heather Soderquist

Board Members excused: Maggie Tesch, Dru Damico, Don Eggert, Sabine Klahr, Chris Mautz

Staff present: Amy Wadsworth, Katy Andrews, Moni Schwaerzler, Jennifer Sanchez

1. Review and Approval of Minutes – The Board reviewed the minutes from their March 18 meeting. Ron Zamir’s name was added to the list of Board members present at that meeting. **Voting Action:** Robert Dick motioned to approve, Mary Tull seconded, motion carried unanimously.

2. 2016-17 School Year Budget – Moni Schwaerzler, business director, presented the proposed budget for the 2016-17 school year, which was approved by the Finance Committee, at the Public Hearing on May 9, 2016. **Voting Action:** Jim Kreeck motioned to adopt the proposed budget for FY17, Mary Tull seconded, motioned carried unanimously.

The Board will also review the current school year budget again the Board Retreat, making necessary adjustments. SLArts Treasurer (Scott Messersmith) will certify both the FY16 and FY17 Budgets for submission to the State Office of Education by June 30.

3. Development Report – Katy Andrews presented the Development Report, showing the school raising \$126,675 in private funding in FY16. We are budgeting \$110,000 in private funding for FY17. Katy and the Board Development Committee will be focusing on the Annual Campaign, Love UT Give UT and Special Events for that revenue.

4. School Trust Lands Plan 2016-17 – Amy Wadsworth presented the School Trust Lands Plan for FY17, reading the attached plan aloud to the Board. Highlights of the plan include focusing on increasing student achievement in writing, social studies and math. Please see attached School Trust Lands Plan for more details. **Voting Action:** Ron Zamir moved to adopt the 2016-17 School Trust Lands Plan, Heather Soderquist seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present.

5. New Board Member Nominations – Annabel Sheinberg presented the five nominations for new Board Members. The Board is saying goodbye to three current members, whose terms are up after our Board Retreat in June: Peter Christie, Mary Tull and Dru Damico. Amy Wadsworth and Annabel expressed how much they have appreciated the service of these members. In anticipation of additional Board seats becoming available at the end of

next year, the Board was asked to consider inviting all five potential members to join the Governing Board for respective three year terms beginning in FY17 at the September Board meeting.

Nominees are:

Jeff Stevens – A current parent of a 6th grade student, and an attorney at Parr Brown.

Matt Nelson – A current parent of a 5th grade student, an attorney by trade, currently a stay at home dad, and volunteer coach of SLArts' Lego Robotics team.

Denise Begue – A parent of an incoming 6th grader; she is a Major Gifts Officer with University of Utah Health Sciences, and has a deep background in community and fundraising.

Reagan Tolboe – Reagan has deep connections in the Arts and Philanthropic community and joins the Board as a Community board member.

Joaquin Mixco – Joaquin is a parent of two alumni students, and serves as the Emergency Services Manager for the Utah Department of Transportation. He joins the Board as a Community board member.

Staff will post the nominees names to the school website, and the Board will formally vote on the nominees at the June Retreat. **Voting Action:** Kelly Stevens moved to adopt the slate of nominees. Ron Zamir seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CAO Report / No Bully Program – Amy Wadsworth reported on an exciting new program SLArts is introducing for the next school year – “NoBully,” a national, research-based anti-bullying program. “No Bully” is a process by which an entire school is trained to recognize and solve bullying and social cruelty issues at school, with the goal of creating a safe, happy and productive school climate. The school’s “Leadership Team” has been trained and the faculty has had one of several trainings already. More training will happen over the summer, with the program rolling out to parents, students and the community in September. “NoBully” has been funded for our school by the Eva Carlston Academy. More information is available at nobully.org

As part of the discussion surrounding “No Bully” Board member Kelly Stevens raised the issue of integrating a drug education discussion into Advisory Periods next year. Amy Wadsworth and Jennifer Burrow-Sanchez will work on this.

7. Next Meeting, Board Retreat -- Friday, June 24, 9 – 6 p.m. at Jane’s House; retreat from 9 – 4:30, with social for current and past Board members immediately following.